



## Jesse Saffer

April 24, 1930 - February 7, 2010

Jesse James (Jim) Saffer passed away on February 7, 2010 due to heart failure. He was born on April 24, 1930 in Winchester, IL to Ollie Ball and Jesse Saffer. He was a retired sign painter and an accomplished artist. Jim loved fishing, the mountains, model airplanes, crosswords and his recent discovery, email. Most of all, Jim loved his family and he thoroughly enjoyed his great-grandchildren. Jim is survived by his devoted wife, Sylvia Sellars Saffer; daughters Sherri (Bob) Griffin & Merri Engel; granddaughters Melisa (Ryan) Gloden, Kerri (Ryan) Tietz & Micki (Paul) Phillips; and great-grandchildren, Sheridan Tietz, Gage and Gavin Gloden, and Henry Phillips; as well as many nieces and nephews and close friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, his sisters, Betty Borchers and Katherine Cox, and his son-in-law Clayton Engel. A memorial service will be held on Friday, February 12 at 3:00 pm at Drake Road Allnutt Chapel, reception to follow. The family requests donations to the American Diabetes Association.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jesse Saffer*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *Sylvia, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in your time of sorrow.*

*Marilyn*

**Marilyn Northrop Nagy** - February 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *We are so sorry for you and your family's loss. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.*

**Robbie & Pete Bauer** - February 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *I remember going fishing with Uncle Jim once on Uncle Lawrence's little pond. I think I was in grade school...we were fishing and he kept catching fish on a spinner. Then he gave me that spinner to keep. I started fishing with it and catching fish like crazy. We pulled in over 100 bass that day! I've loved fishing ever since. Thanks Uncle Jim, you were a happy man that I respected.*  
*Cliff.*

*Our thoughts and prayers to your whole family.*

*Sue*

**Cliff Cox Family** - February 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Our prayers are with you during this sad time! We all loved Jim and will miss him. The memories we have of him will keep him living forever in our hearts! He brought smiles and laughter wherever went! It was great to get re-connected by e-mail, to be updated with the news of great grandchildren and pictures of the important people of his life! You were all loved by him! Praying God's strength to get you through! Love to all of you! Melinda & Danny Hembrough and family, Steve & Vicky Todd, and Roland & Marie Todd

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**Melinda (Todd) Hembrough** - February 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Just wanted to send my condolences to the family and let them know they are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**James E James, DC** - February 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. He was a great guy and always had a smile for you. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Mary Jane Child** - February 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BL

“*Mary and Tom Steelman and family speak so often of "Uncle Jim" with love and respect. From those comments, it is evident that Jim and Sylvia hold a special place in their hearts. Jim will always be remembered, and I am confident that I will continue to hear stories pertaining to "Uncle Jim".*

*I send my love and prayers to the family.*

*Sincerely,  
Bev*

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**Bev Lashmett** - February 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BW

“*Many fond memories of Jimmy when we were kids in Winchester, IL growing up through the years.*

*With deepest sympathy, Sylvia, and to the family.*

*Barbara*

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**Barbara Tankersley Wood** - February 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JC

“*Sylvia and families... we are so sorry to read about Jess in the paper. Our memories will be with us for a long time and how he like the squash and we enjoyed our visit with you in Fort Collins. We were planning another stop when we were out there. We can still stop and see you Sylvia. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and yours. You have our deepest sympathy. May God Bless you and keep you well.*

*friends*

*John and Judy Craig*

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**John & Judy Craig** - February 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jim is one of the special people that you meet only once in your life. He was a loving husband, father, gentleman and most of all my friend. I knew Jim for 43 years, we shared our love of the outdoors together. From hunting to fishing we did it all and loved it. Jim taught me many things about the outdoors and life in general. He could see the beauty in things that most people would never see, and I was fortunate to be able to share some of them with him. We shared the same birthday and my oldest son is named after him. Jim was special to me and I will truly miss him.*

*Sparki*

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**Cliff Pyle {Sparki}** - February 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *It brings sorrow to my spirit to hear that Jim has passed on. My favorite uncle; he was friendly, his mood happy, and his spirit was adventuresome. May his spirit live on in all of us. Bill*

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**Jim Riggs** - February 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Sylvia, Sherri, Merri and family;  
We send our sincere sympathy and want you to know you are in our thoughts and prayers at this time.*

*Ed and Shirley Evans  
Elaine and Patrick Mullen  
Kyle and Katie Evans  
Eric Evans*

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**Elaine Mullen** - February 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ Dear Sylvia & family,  
Thinking of you.

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**Ed & Evelyn Haggard** - February 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Aunt Sylvia, Merri, Sherri & girls, I always enjoyed Uncle Jim's optimism and teasing jokes whether they were at Grandma's house or thru e:mails. He was an inspiration to us all to always look on the bright side of life. I expect there is a good deal of laughter going on in heaven at this moment. I always admired how you all did/do everything together as one big family. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Liz Hardy** - February 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ We will miss Uncle Jim and his great sense of humor. He really made life enjoyable for me and my family whenever we had the pleasure to be around him. I look forward to fishing with Uncle Jim in God's house.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with Sylvia, Sherri and Merri and the kids.

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**Larry Cox** - February 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ I remember Mr and Mrs Saffer coming to AZ to take care of their grown granddaughter Kerri when he came down with the chickenpox. It was obvious how much they adored her and that they would do anything for anyone in their family. Also remember his painting Sheridan's bedroom. How wonderful to have had the opportunity to meet a very kind, gentle, loving grandpa.

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**Jane Chiles** - February 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Just wanted to let you all know how truly sorry I am for your loss. Your family is such a wonderful group of people and your tight knit relationship is sure to help you all through this difficult time. My family is praying for strength and comfort for you all. If there is anything we can do, don't hesitate to call.

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February 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Uncle Jim's sense of humor and love of the outdoors made him an unforgettable uncle. All my love and prayers go to Aunt Sylvia, the twins, and their families.

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**Ruth Jackson** - February 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Sherri and family,

So saddened to hear about the loss of your father. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless

Arlene Mason

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**Arlene Mason** - February 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ My heart is sad today. I am very sorry to hear that Jim has passed. I have known him for over 40 years. Many years ago a friend and I went on a couple over night fishing trips up the Poudre with Jim. Growing up with Sherri and Merri and being around Jim and Sliva was all ways nice time. He was one of the nices peolpe I have ever meet. He will not be for gotten.

Love James

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**James McGuirk** - February 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

HR

“ Good morning Micki and the rest of the family

*I was so saddened to hear of the loss of your dear Papa Jim.  
May happy memories of him, get you thru this difficult, sad time.*

*Sending you my prayers and love  
Helen*

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**Helen Rydquist** - February 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Jim and I worked together at Trav-Vel and did a little fishing together. He was a bright light all of the time. I will always remember the good times we had at work, fishing and car shows.*  
Andy

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**Andy Miller** - February 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ *My dear, sweet Daddy. You will always be remembered, never to be forgotten for the great husband, father, grand father, great grand father, uncle, in law, and friend that you always were to us. We know you are wrapped in Jesus' arms but we miss you, every day, 24/7. Our hearts are broken, our arms are empty. We love you and will see you again in heaven.*

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**Sherri Griffin** - February 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ My condolences go out to Sylvia, Mom, Mary, Melisa, Mickey, Kerri and the rest of the family. I will miss Jim abunch. Not sure what to say on these things. I will miss Jim. Jim was one of those rare guys that had no enimies, he was quite the oppposite, he helped everyone he knew and alot he didnt know. I have great memories of discussing remote control airplanes and admiring Jim's ship's in the garage he never floated, I always wanted to float those boats. Jim and Sylvia brought Sherri and Mary into our lives along with Kerri, Melisa and mlckey, all awsome yourn ladies! I am thankful Sherri came into our lives, my Dad has been very happy, fianlly, for many years because of the person Jim and Sylvia raised and the fantastic person Sherri is. I will miss Jim a ton and thankfully had the opprotunity to know him. He was and always will be an awesome Husband, father and friend...

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**Don & Ruth Bartlett** - February 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ We are thinking about the Saffers and your well being will be in our prayers.  
We will also be sharing with each other wonderful memories of our unique, happy, creative uncle.

Love to you all,

Patty

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**Patty Borchers Webb** - February 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *Boy, oh boy I am going to miss my uncle/email buddy! I will miss your spark for life and joy of laughter but know that you are in heaven having a party with family and friends!*

*Much love and prayers are being sent to you Sylvia, Sherri, Mary and "kids" for peace in knowing he has lead a full life inspiring many along his path. I'm so happy to have shared some time with you all.*

*Barbara Borchers*

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**Barbara Borchers** - February 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ *Jim will be missed. He was a great man, someone I always looked up to.*

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**Steve Todd** - February 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM